



# SWARCer News

June 2014

## Public Service Through Amateur Radio

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of our members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service.

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## June Meeting Minutes June 2 2014

Treasurers report provided by Christy

Field day report- Jim K9RII-field day coordinator-4 generators- bring antennas...or build on site. Food- we will have Saturday dinner. More information to come.

Public service- Run for the Quay is this Saturday June 8th...Dave ..K4MSE is the event contact. Please let him know if you plan on participating. Meet at 6:30 at Dave's house. We need at least 5 stations. Could operate handheld or mobile.

Central Carolina volunteer examiner team- first ve exam June 22nd at NW Harnett fire station. Christian Light Road.

Election results: (no new nominations made tonight)

KD4OKR- Mike-president  
KK4OSI-Kenn-Vice President  
KJ4AEO-Christy-Treasurer  
KK4TTU- Bryan-secretary  
N4AZR-Glenn-Membership Chair  
Members at Large-  
KK4HAQ-Frederico  
KK4TTL-Marvin  
KI4FTR-Bobby

Danny Hampton K4ITL: repeater info. PCRN repeaters took a hit in the last ice storms. Near Burlington a 1000ft tower came down.

210 no antenna damage but elevator cable guides were damaged...leading to noise on .210. The elevator guides on the tower are custom made. Cost \$3400 dollars plus the labor to install. 147.105 has no more antennas due to ice. Antennas are nowhere to be found. The .105 is on the Broadway tower...the tower was sold and access is very limited. The hub that links eastern and western Virginia, they Set up temporary antennas to link east and west parts of Virginia. D-star is up and operational. He is thankful for the help and support we have provided.

Is there anything we as the south wake club can do for you, Danny? Not at this time.



## NETS

The following nets take place on the 145.21Mhz (82.5 Hz)K4ITL "Blackjack" Repeater.

**Nightly 2m Rag Chew Net** - Every night at 7:30pm

**South Wake ARC Traders Net** - Every Tuesday night of each month with the exception of the 2nd Tuesday, immediately following the Nightly 2m Rag Chew Net.

**South Wake ARC Tech Net** - Every 2nd Tuesday night immediately following the Nightly 2m Rag Chew Net

## June Meeting Minutes – continued

Repeater activity: Danny is not ok with the activity on the repeater. There are a couple of people who do not support the repeater who seem to monopolize the repeater and often have conversations that are not appropriate.

[Qrm@southwakearc.com](mailto:Qrm@southwakearc.com)

If you hear something on the repeater you do not like or people are being offensive.

Serve one, write one= serve one public service event and write one note or an article for the newsletter. Please submit all newsletter pieces to:

[Newsletter@southwakearc.com](mailto:Newsletter@southwakearc.com)

Minutes Provided by Anna Chrissman – KF4USQ

## Public Service Opportunities

The South Wake ARC participates actively in public service events. Below is a list of some upcoming events over the next few weeks. Please email our Public Service director, Charles W4DBI, if you will be participating in one of the below events so he can keep track of participation.

See the club website ([www.southwakearc.com](http://www.southwakearc.com)) for further details, and even more upcoming events.

**June 21, 2014 - Saturday - Morrisville, NC – 2014 MS Ice Cream Ride**

**July 4, 2014 - Friday – Cary, NC – 2014 Firecracker 50/100K**

**July 19, 2014 - Saturday – Raleigh, NC – 2014 Velo4Yellow**

**July 26, 2014 - Saturday – Cary, NC – 2014 Cup-n-Cone Tour**



The South Wake ARC was well represented, supporting the “Run the Quay” event in Fuquay on June 7. Pictured left to Right: Dave – NW3U, Charles – W4DBI, Jack – WA2YBM, Bill – KJ4WLG, Roy-KK4ATD, Mike – KD4OKR, Brian – KK4TTU, Dave – K4MSE, and Bobby – N4RDC.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### President

Mike Ramsey - KD4OKR

### Vice President

Kenn Kubacki - KK4OSI

### Secretary

Bryan Ramsey – KK4TTU

### Treasurer

Christy Fernandini - KJ4AEO

### Member-At-Large

Federico Llubares – KK4HAQ

### Member-At-Large

Marvin Friel – KK4TTL

### Member-At-Large

Bobby Chandler – N4RDC

### Membership Chair

Glenn Crissman

## APPOINTED POSITIONS

### Net Manager

Adrian Peele - AJ4NX

### Special Events Director

Gino Fernandini - KI4YXO

### Public Service Director

Charles Galloway - WDBI

## Write One – Mike Ramsey, KD4OKR

At the last membership meeting, we had a wonderful time of discussion about this newsletter. I'll be honest, in this era of email, Facebook, Twitter, and other means of instant communications I felt that, perhaps, the monthly newsletter had passed its time. However, in our discussion, it was pointed out that it is our historical record of club activity and that it was definitely something that the attending membership strongly desired to continue. The next challenge, then, is for content for the newsletter that best reflect who we are.

Each of us has a story about how we became interested in ham radio. Who was your "Elmer"? Maybe you have a story to tell about that exciting DX contact or QSL card. How did you make that first contact? How has ham radio impacted your life in a significant way? No story is too small! When I look around at our gatherings, I see us sharing our stories and we are all listening carefully. So, I'm sure that everyone would love to read your story in the newsletter.

Maybe you don't have a personal story, but you follow an aspect of our hobby very closely. If you are a Volunteer Examiner, let us know about the area testing opportunities. If you are a contesteer, let us know what contests are coming up and how you scored. If you read an interesting article from another publication, submit that, too! Our wonderful hobby has so many aspects that it is impossible to know it all. Share it!

It doesn't have to be a long article. If you got a cool new QSL card, just simply submit something like: "KD4OKR received a QSL card from 9J2T in Zambia on 20 meters!" If you want to include a picture of it, even better! Nothing is too small! So make it a goal: make at least one submission to the newsletter. To make it easier, send in your submission to:[newsletter@southwakearc.com](mailto:newsletter@southwakearc.com)

## Serve One - Mike Ramsey, KD4OKR

We read about how ham radio helps out in fires, hurricanes, as well as man-made and natural disasters. I'm sure nearly all of us feel that we would be willing to provide our radio and skills in the event of a disaster or emergency. The challenge is to be prepared to operate in that environment. The best way to be prepared for serving the public in time of emergency is to participate in non-emergency events.

We have a great local opportunity to support our community through Run The Quay on June 7th. It starts early and is finished before noon, so it is quick and easy. Use your license and experience to serve your community at least once a year!

## Net Report



### Kenwood TH-F6A Raffle

Tickets sales have been good, but we still have some tickets left! We will be drawing for the radio at Field Day! Tickets are just \$5 and help support the club's activities! Contact Mike, KD4OKR, or Steve, KA0GMY for details!

Hello everyone! The latest net report is hot off of the press, and covers April nets! There are a few missing because I did not receive them. However, I can safely say that we had some nice numbers this month, and a jump in participation recently. The numbers are as follows.

Net Sessions: 26 (did not receive 4)  
SWARC Members participating: 30  
Visitors participating: 100  
Total Check Ins: 661  
Average of 25 check ins per night

#### Net Controls

AJ4NX ran 5 nets  
KJ4CVK ran 5 nets  
KA0GMY ran 4 nets  
K9RII ran 4 nets  
KT4JR ran 4 nets  
KK4BVU (guest) ran 4 nets

\*\*As you can see, no net reports were sent in by NC4MP. He has been so busy lately that he could not send any net reports. In fact, he has even missed a couple of his nets recently. Next time you hear NC4MP on the air, please don't give that slacker (oh I did not mean that), (wait a minute, yes I did) (LOL) too bad of a hard time about it!

#### Top 10 Check In Listing

10th- Mr Vice Prez, KK4OSI with 9 check ins  
9th- Mr Prez, KD4OKR with 10 check ins  
8th- NC4RA with 11 check ins  
7th- KK4TTX with 12 check ins  
6th- KK4TFC (KA0GMY's sister from another mother and father separated by 16 states) with 13 check ins  
5th- KJ4CVK, and NC1NC with 17 check ins each  
4th- K9RII (The "Mrs." of Mr. and Mrs. Chump) with 20 check ins  
3rd- NC4MP, and N4RDC, formerly KI4FTR with 23 check ins each  
2nd- KA0GMY (KK4TFC's brother from another mother and father separated by 16 states) with 24 check ins

And the check in champs are..... KT4JR, K4MWE, and KK4QDZ with 25 check ins each.

I am pleased to mention that we have a new victim, I mean net control that has stepped up to the plate! Recently, we had N4RDC who called a SWARC net for the first time, and did an outstanding job! Thank you N4RDC, look forward to hearing him call nets in the future. I want to say thanks to all of the net controls for there services because it would not be possible to have a net every night without each and every one of you! That is all for this month! 73 till next time, and check into the nets!

~AJ4NX~

#### Announcements

Check the club website ([www.southwakearc.com](http://www.southwakearc.com)) for more info on these announcements.

**ARRL Field Day :** June 28 - 29, 2014 Fuquay Varina American Legion 6400 Johnson Pond Rd - Fuquay Varina, NC

#### Weekly Informal Breakfast

Every Saturday 9am - Golden Corral in Garner, NC - Hwy 401 & Tryon Rd.

**Next Club Meeting:** July 7, 2014 - 6pm dinner - 7pm meeting  
Location: Fuquay-Varina Presbyterian Church-307 N Ennis St. Fuquay-Varina  
Program: TBD Dinner: Taco Night! Check the website to sign up.



## SWARCER NEWS

SWARCer News is the official newsletter of the South Wake Amateur Radio Club. It is emailed monthly to members, and also gets archived at [southwakearc.com](http://southwakearc.com).

Content submissions are welcome by email to the editor. The editor reserves the right to edit all pieces.

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## South Wake Amateur Radio Club Treasurer Report May 2014

### Club Addition and Reduction Activity

#### Additions

Donation	21.00	cash	
Dues	30.00	cash	Bill Blomgren (KK4QDZ)
Dues	30.00	check #3408	Jim Young (K9RII)
Dues	7.50	check #5145	Cecil Byrd (KM4ARS)
Dues	7.50	check #9358	Bonnie Picard (KF4YBH)
Dues	12.50	check #5827	Charles Strickland (KE4CSY)
Raffle	325.00	cash/ checks	295.00 (cash) 20.00 (ck #1103) 10.00 (ck # 665)

**Total Additions**

433.50

#### Reductions

Food Lion	21.92	check #1564	drinks/cups
Danny Hampton	650.00	check #1565	donation for 210 and 105 repeater repairs

**Total Reductions**

671.92

Balance as of 05/05/2014	1997.53		
Addition	433.50		
Reduction	671.92		

**Balance as of 06/02/2014**

1759.11

Christine  
Fernandini  
KJ4AEO  
06/02/2014

The Amateur's Code by W9EEA, Paul M. Segal (1928)

The Radio Amateur is:

CONSIDERATE...never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL...offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE...with knowledge abreast of science a well-built and efficient station and operation above reproach.

FRIENDLY...slow and patient operating when requested; friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED...radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC...station and skill always ready for service to country and community.